

RESOLUTION NO. 3433

RESOLUTION RE REPATRIATION OF CAPTURED AMERICAN  
AND ALLIED FIGHTING MEN

WHEREAS, the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam acceded to "THE GENEVA CONVENTION RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR," August 12, 1949, which provides that "The High Contracting Parties undertake to respect and to ensure respect for ~~the~~ present Convention in all circumstances:" and

WHEREAS, the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam has evidenced **no** intention, thus far, of compliance with the Articles of the Geneva Convention to which it is honor bound **as** a signator and as **a** civilized nation; and

WHEREAS, the repeated appeals on the part of wives, parents, children and other dependents of the Americans who are prisoners of war, ~~or~~ are missing in action, have proven ineffective, thus far, through diplomatic, military and humanitarian channels: **now**, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the City of Lodi City Council assembled on November 4, 1970, that **this** group representing the citizens of the City of Lodi, urges ~~the~~ President of the United States to condemn the repressive and **cruel** treatment of American and allied prisoners of war; to press the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and other signatores to the Geneva Convention for the immediate designation of a Protecting Power ~~or~~ a recognized international humanitarian ~~organization~~ to carry out the protective measures for prisoners outlined in the Articles of the Geneva Convention; to effect the repatriation of all Americans detained by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam prior to the withdrawal of United States Military Forces from Southeast Asia; during this week citizens are urged to sign petitions directed at the Government of North Vietnam which should state:

"There is **no** issue upon which we, as citizens of the United States and **as** human beings, are more united than **our** concern **for** the welfare of our men whom you hold captive. On June 28, 1957, you signed the Geneva **Conventions** which embody the morality of world citizenship with respect to the treatment of prisoners of war. The men you now detain can pose **no** threat to you. These men did not wish to leave home and fight but, have done their duty to their country, just as you require of your citizens. There are presently 1,095 men unaccounted for and presumed to be in **your** hands.

"We are asking that you live up to the obligations you assumed upon signing **the** Geneva Conventions by:

1. Releasing the names, addresses and state of health of every man held in your camps.
2. Repatriating or removing to a neutral country all sick and wounded prisoners.
3. Permitting the Red Cross or some other international humanitarian organization to monitor the prison camps and help minister to the needs of the captives.
4. Allowing prisoners to send and receive mail, including shipments of food, clothing, medical supplies and educational and recreational materials. "


Dated: November 4, 1970

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 3433 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in regular meeting held November 4, 1970 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen - EHRHARDT, HUGHES, KATNICH  
and SCHAFFER

Noes: Councilmen - None

Absent: KIRSTEN

  
Bessie L. Bennett  
City Clerk

